CTRE Virtual Roundtable

This month, the CTRE will be piloting a new faculty development initiative aimed at providing useful information in an accessible way.

The CTRE Virtual Roundtable will offer topics for faculty to learn about and discuss in order to help grow as educators. Best practices and emerging trends will be discussed in a way that encourages application in teaching, research, and service.

The first Virtual Roundtable will take place on Monday, March 17 from 10:30 to 11:30, with the topic, “What are Learning Objectives?” This session will be accessible virtually via Blackboard Collaborate in the Instructors Resource Course in Moodle.

All levels of experience and expertise on the topic are welcome. Future topics will include “Classroom Management Best Practices” on March 24 and “Strengthen Your Syllabus” on March 31.

If you have questions, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498.

OCT Begins March 31

The next section of Online Certification Training (OCT) will begin on Monday, March 31.

OCT is an eight-week training course for instructors who wish to teach online courses at Chicago State University. Topics include “What is Online Teaching?” “ADA Web Accessibility Guidelines,” and “Instructional Design Basics.” To register, contact Rochelle Johnson at rjohns30@csu.edu.

Moodle Minute

By Rochelle Johnson

Is it sometimes difficult to get the help you need with Moodle? Do you know where to find tutorials or how to schedule one-on-one time with the Moodle support team? There are a lot of ways to get help with Moodle; click the link below to get the information that will keep you connected with them:

http://youtu.be/ZHWGVLdQaJo
Looking Forward

CTRE Writing Workshops

The CTRE is excited to help you explore writing in new ways and with fresh perspectives with its 2013-2014 faculty development theme, “Writing for Success.”

**Writing for Success**

“Microblogging: A New Opportunity to Encourage Student Research, Writing, and Engagement”
with Dr. Cheryl Boncuore and Aurora Reinke
March 20, 2014
10:00-2:00 / LIB 301

This workshop will help you understand what microblogging is, and how it can be used to encourage regular, low-stakes writing, which has been shown to help students become more articulate, thoughtful, writers themselves. The format is at once engaging, enjoyable, and effective.

Lunch will be included with this workshop.

To register, contact James Kowalski at jkowalsk@csu.edu or 773-995-2498. Visit bit.ly/csuwriite to learn more about this and previous workshops in the Writing for Success series.

Moodle Virtual Workshops

Whether you’re an online teaching veteran or tenderfoot, the CTRE has you covered this spring! The CTRE will be offering virtual training sessions from now through April to help you increase your fluency with Moodle.

- **March 12**
  Uploading Assignments and Media
- **March 26**
  Blackboard Collaborate Overview
- **April 9**
  Course Design Based on the ION Rubric
- **April 23**
  Importing Existing Courses into New Shells

All sessions will take place from 12:30-1:30 p.m. via Blackboard Collaborate in the Instructors Resources Course in Moodle.

If you have questions about Moodle virtual training, contact Rochelle Johnson, Program Specialist, at rjohns30@csu.edu or 773-995-2456.

Save the Date for Special Faculty Events

Mark your calendars for two of this year’s biggest events: the Provost’s Colloquium and the Faculty Recognition Ceremony! The Provost’s Colloquium is an opportunity for faculty who have received CTRE funding to showcase their scholarly work, and will take place on **Friday, March 28, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., beginning in the Library Sunroom.**

The Faculty Recognition Ceremony will honor and celebrate a variety of faculty achievements from over the past year, and will take place on **Friday, April 25 from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the Library Auditorium.**

If you have any questions or would like to attend either of these events, please contact James Kowalski at jkowal
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